

In All the Political Scandal, People Are Overlooking the Greatest Cover-Up of All Time

The news media is filled with stories about conspiracies and cover-ups. Every front page of every newspaper, news magazine or news website is filled with articles and videos of political intrigue.

This president said *this* to *that* president. This prime minister promised that businessman this or that. No matter where you turn, it seems like we cannot avoid hearing someone shouting, "Cover-up!" So, as long as we are already focused on cover-ups, I would share about the cover-up of a cover-up of a cover-up.

The Jewish world is about to observe the holiest of our Holy Days, Yom Kippur, known as "The Day of Atonement." The Hebrew word *Yom* means day, but the Hebrew word *Kippur* comes from the root word *Kaphar*, which means to cover and, by extension, to atone.

Every year on this day, the high priest would enter the holy of holies and apply blood to the ark of the covenant, also known as the *Aron HaAdut*, or the ark of the testimony (remember this for later). This blood offer, if accepted by G-D, would cover the sins of Israel until the next Yom Kippur. The way Israel knew that this offering of covering was accepted was if the red cord tied around a goat's neck would turn white.

This process went on year after year until the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70. However, according to Talmudic writings, the red thread stopped turning white the year that Yeshua was crucified. While this information about the red thread was not hidden by the rabbis, a cover-up began as the

focus of Yom Kippur was changed after the destruction of the temple and the emphasis became offering prayers instead of the offering of a blood sacrifice.

There was no longer a provision for the actual covering of sins nor a mechanism for knowing if the offering was accepted. So, with this cover-up that was established with the end of the Yom Kippur sacrifice and the replacement of that sacrifice with prayer, Judaism lost its assurance of atonement.

Almost 300 years later, a second cover-up was enacted as the church removed the biblical Holy Days from their calendar of observance and Yom Kippur became one of those Jewish holidays. With this cover-up, Yom Kippur was relegated to a seldom used anecdote or reference to the graceless "law" or "Torah" of the "Old Testament."

By doing so, the church removed one of the most powerful examples of G-D's amazing grace in the entire Bible. Because the church removed Yom Kippur from their theological foundation, they lost the entire reference for why Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection provided atonement for our sins.

These two cover-ups established by religious groups have kept their followers from seeing the original biblical, G-D-ordained cover-up of Yom Kippur, the cover-up that G-D established from the very foundation of the world, the cover-up that G-D's Word referred to this way in Isaiah 1:18 (TLV):

"'Come now, let us reason together,' says Adonai. 'Though your sins be like scarlet, they will be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they will become like wool.'"

"We all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us turned to his own way. So Adonai has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6).

"For the life of the creature is in the blood, and I have

given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your lives—for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life” (Lev. 17:11).

“Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in all things, so He might become a merciful and faithful Kohen Gadol in matters relating to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people” (Heb. 2:17).

So, Yom Kippur provided for us the greatest cover-up ever and then both Judaism and Christianity did their best to cover up the cover-up. {eoa}

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